

Funeral Director

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Funeral Director Requirements for Licensure

A **funeral director** (1) prepares for the transportation, burial, or disposal of human remains; (2) directs and supervises others who perform those functions; (3) maintains an establishment for the transportation, disposition, or care of human remains; (4) may use, in connection with his or her name, the words “funeral director,” “undertaker,” “mortician,” or similar title; and (5) must be employed by, or be the proprietor of, a licensed funeral establishment.

To become licensed by the California Department of Consumer Affairs as a funeral director, you need to meet these requirements.

To be *eligible* to apply for licensure as a **funeral director**, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 or older.
- Possess an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, or equivalent.
- Have committed no acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480 of the Business and Professions Code.

To *apply* for licensure as a **funeral director**, you must do the following:

- Submit a completed application form and a filing fee of \$300 (\$200 if you have already passed the Funeral Director examination) to the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau, P.O. Box 989003, West Sacramento, CA 95798-9003.
- Submit two fingerprint cards and a fingerprint processing fee of \$56 (unless you have previously submitted fingerprint cards).
- Provide the name, address, and license number(s) of the funeral establishment(s) where you intend to work.

Before you can be *licensed* as a **funeral director**, you must take and pass the Funeral Director examination administered by the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau, or show proof of having passed the examination.

The license term is one year, the renewal fee is \$200, and the late fee is \$100.

To request an application form, or for additional information about licensure as a funeral director, call the Bureau's licensing office at (916) 327-3219.